SENATE BILL 2246 By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 55, relative to vehicle accident reports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-108(d), is amended by deleting the language "or the driver's or owner's agent or legal representative," and by redesignating the subsection as subsection (d)(1).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section (d), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(2) Upon written request to the commissioner of safety in Nashville by the driver's or owner's agent or legal representative, a copy of any written report of a motor vehicle accident investigated by the department shall be forwarded to the requesting party, such written request to be accompanied by eight dollars (\$8.00) in cash or check made payable to the commissioner. Such report under subsection (b) shall not be considered confidential within the meaning of Section 55-10-114(a). Such forwarded report shall exclude automobile liability insurance information. Copies of any written reports of a motor vehicle accident investigated by the department which are on file in the various district offices of the Tennessee highway patrol shall be made available for

inspection by the driver's or owner's agent or legal representative, and may be obtained from the station by paying the fee of eight dollars (\$8.00). Four dollars (\$4.00) of the fee shall be expendable receipts of the department. Three dollars (\$3.00) of the fee shall be earmarked for a retirement fund for members of the Tennessee highway patrol. One dollar (\$1.00) of the fee shall be earmarked for improvement of driver testing centers. SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

- 2 - 01074528